

watch a classic from 1988 with “Ernest Saves Christmas” starring Jim Varney in his funniest role as Ernest P. Worrell. In this holiday flick, an obnoxious and bumbling, but well-meaning man, attempts to help Santa Claus find a successor. Failure to do so would mean that there would be no Christmas. Ernest thinks he’s up for the job, but it may require a little more finesse than he’s equipped with. Rated PG. Runtime: 1 hour and 35 minutes. Light snacks will be provided, or feel free to bring your own.

WEEKEND WALK-IN FLIX: DUNKIRK

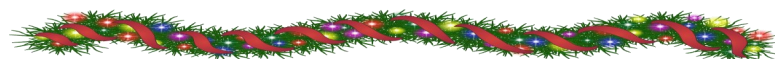
Get ready for another great Weekend Walk-In Flix movie session Sunday, December 31 at 3 pm. Each Sunday we show a great movie, most of which have been recently released to DVD. This session will feature 2017’s “Dunkirk” starring Fionn Whitehead and Barry Keoghan in a war film based on a true story. Experience the evacuation of Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire, and France, who were cut off and surrounded by the German army from the beaches and harbor of Dunkirk, France, between May 26 to June 4, 1940, during the Battle of France in World War II. Rated PG-13 for intense war experience and some language. Runtime 1 hour and 46 minutes. Light snacks will be provided, or feel free to bring your own. For ages 13 and older.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Our Main and Mockingbird locations will be closed from Friday, December 22 until Monday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Our South location at the Mall of Abilene will be closed Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25.

Each location has outside drops for the return of materials any time day or night. Also, our website, www.abilenetx.com/apl is open 24/7 for searching our catalog, placing holds, checking your account and more!



WHAT’S ALL THE HOOPLA ABOUT?

Need something while we are closed? No problem! If you haven’t already. Check out our hoopla service. Go to our website located at www.abilenetx.com/apl and click on the hoopla icon. Then, register for a free account. hoopla is a digital media service that allows you to access a library of digital media on your computer or a device by using an app. Enjoy movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and television shows instantly!



CHRISTMAS TREATS

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FRUITCAKE
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GINGERBREAD
GOOSE
GRAVY
HAM
MINCEMEAT
NUTS

ORANGES
PUMPKIN PIE
SCRUMPTIOUS
STUFFING
SUGARPLUMS
SWEET POTATOES
TURKEY



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HOURS

SUNDAY CLOSED

MONDAY 9 AM - 9 PM
TUESDAY 9 AM - 9 PM
WEDNESDAY 9 AM - 6 PM
THURSDAY 9 AM - 9 PM
FRIDAY 9 AM - 6 PM
SATURDAY 9 AM - 6 PM

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SUNDAY 1 PM - 6 PM
MONDAY 10 AM - 9 PM
TUESDAY 10 AM - 9 PM
WEDNESDAY 10 AM - 6 PM
THURSDAY 10 AM - 9 PM
FRIDAY 10 AM - 6 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM - 6 PM

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FOOD for FINES

December means that we will once again offer this very popular annual program! From December 1 until December 31, you may bring non-perishable food items to any of our locations. In exchange, staff will waive overdue fines from your account. One non-perishable item, 2 canned goods or 4 ramens will equal \$1 in waived fines. To ensure we provide the West Central Texas Food Bank the highest quality items possible, we regret that we are unable to accept damaged, expired or rusted cans as well as USDA issued goods. Items also need to retain their original seal. Please note that fees for damaged and lost items are exempt from the program. Please call your preferred location with any concerns or questions.



CREATION STATION ORIENTATION



The Creation Station at the Main Library is now open! To enjoy all of the crafting equipment we ask that you have a library card, register and take our Creation Station Orientation Class. In this class we will cover the equipment that is available for use, Creation Hours, Usage Policies, Safety Guidelines, Fees, and Tour the facility. Meets in our Creation Station at 4:30 pm on Monday, December 4, Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm and Monday, December 18 at 10 am.

CRICUT DESIGN SPACE

If you have completed The Creation Station Orientation class and wish to further your knowledge and skills for the Cricut machine then this is the class for you! We will cover how to use the Cricut Design



Space, how to load and unload your material and more! Basic computer skills required. Meets in our Creation Station at 10 am on Wednesday, December 6 as well as Wednesday, December 27 at 4:30 pm.

GRANDPARENT & ME CRAFT TIME

Engaging in hobbies and activities that you love or your grandchild loves can be a great way to spend time together and learn about each other. Join us as we create Ornaments Wednesday, December 6 at 4:30 pm next to our Creation Station



AROUND THE PARTY MEAL PLANNING

Parties are a great time but they almost always include food. Nice unless you're watching your weight or have other reasons for cutting back on party food. This session on Meal Planning may help avoid overeating at all the



parties that take place during the holiday season. Nutritionist Dessire Armstrong will provide ideas and pointers to help Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm.

3D DESIGN CLASS

If you have completed The Creation Station Orientation class and wish to further your knowledge and skills for the PolyPrinter then this is the class for you! We will cover how to use the Tinker CAD design program, how to use our slicing program, and how to upload and print your creations on the PolyPrinter! Basic computer skills required. Meets Wednesday, December 13 at 4:30 pm and Wednesday, December 20 at 10 am. Meets in the Creation Station.



WINTER @ YOUR LIBRARY

Bundle up and join us for a fun Winter Storytime in celebration with Storybook Saturday! We'll have songs, stories, and more featuring the cold weather! We can't go out without our mittens to keep us warm so we'll be making a fun mitten craft Saturday, December 2 at 2 pm.



CRAFT LIFE @ YOUR LIBRARY



Make a fun hat decoration or ornament! Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift! We'll be using scrap yarn and toilet paper tubes for this project. For ages 8 thru 12.



MAKE & TAKE @ YOUR LIBRARY

On Monday, December 11 at 5 pm, we will be making adorable snowman scenes.

LEGO MY LIBRARY

"Lego My Library!" will be a forum for creative imaginings. Meetings will be held once a month at the Main Library. Tables will be set up with boxes of Lego bricks at the ends, enabling attendees to freely browse the collection. Another table will be set up near the front with various Lego themed books which can either serve as building inspiration or be checked out after the program. The first five minutes of the meeting will be devoted to socialization, helping to create and establish a community of Lego enthusiasts. Attendees can work independently or with one another to create their project. The building process will take about forty-five minutes with the last five to ten minutes of the meeting being allotted for everyone to look at all of the different designs and admire their friends' imaginations. After each program Lego creations will be dismantled to allow for new designs next month. Some meetings will be "free design" without limits on what to build. Other meetings will follow a loose theme, such as "transportation" or "wacky" which will challenge attendees to really stretch their imagination and see what they can come up with Wednesday, December 13 at 4:30 pm!



ARTWALK: THE ART OF GIVING



Our ArtWalk Make & Take on Thursday, December 14 starting at 5:30 pm in our Foyer, will feature a craft fair where kids can make various crafty gifts for family and friends!

and markers. You can also feel free to bring your own supplies if you'd like. Don't miss out on this stress-free program at your library.



Make & Take: Tree Ornaments

Come and join us in the children's area Tuesday, December 12 at 4:30 pm for some crafting fun! Children of all ages are welcome.

TASTY TURMERIC WITH WIEPIE CROSS

Join us as we welcome Wiepie Cross, Nutritional Health Coach from Natural Grocers in Abilene on December 16 at 1:00pm for a Nutrition Presentation titled 'Tasty Turmeric.' Learn just why it is called "The Spice of Life?" We'll answer all your questions and MORE in just 30 minutes! Plus, you'll get to sample a tasty turmeric treat! You won't want to miss this informational and timely presentation as the holidays are just around the corner.



HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING FOR KIDS



Looking for a fun activity the whole family will enjoy? You're in luck because the whole family is invited to join us for a great afternoon of delicious Holiday Cookie Decorating with Tasha Teel from The Cakery in

Lubbock, Texas on December 17 from 2 to 4 pm. At this drop-in style class, Ms. Teel will teach different icing styles to use on these special holiday-themed cookies. Kids can pick two cookies to decorate, then eat, share, or save if they want! Cost for class is \$5 per child who decorates (payable on the day) and covers cost of supplies and materials. No registration required.

To see examples of Ms. Teel's work, visit www.cakerylubbock.com or follow The Cakery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/txsquarecupcakes/.

MORNING MINGLE: FAMILY COLORING CLUB

Families are invited to join us for a great Morning Mingle event at your South Branch library, where we'll be hosting a coloring club session for all ages. Parents are invited to come out with your kids and engage in some fun coloring activities with pages and supplies available for all coloring tastes and levels. You may also feel free to bring your own coloring pages and books if you'd like as well. Coloring is great for giving you the time to take a break from your hectic lives, relieve some stress, and have a little fun without any rules to follow. Come meet new families, make new friends, and enjoy yourself at this great event. Don't miss out on this stress-free program at your library.



FAMILY FLIX: ERNEST SAVES CHRISTMAS

Kids and parents are invited to join us for another great Family Flix Saturday, December 23 at 10:30 am. We're continuing to celebrate the holidays with a great movie showing, and everyone is invited to come out and



HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING FOR ADULTS



Need a minute to yourself without the kids this busy holiday season? Adults ages 18 and over are invited to join us for a great afternoon

of delicious Holiday Cookie Decorating with Chef Tasha Teel from The Cakery in Lubbock, Texas on Sunday, December 3. Chef Tasha will teach three 30-45 minute classes at 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm. You'll learn four different icing styles – royal, dipped, sugar, glazed – to use on these special holiday-shaped cookies. You can then use your newly acquired skills to make holiday cookies at home!

Cost for class is \$15 per adult who decorates which covers all supplies and materials (payable on day of class). Each class size is limited to 20 people and registration is required. Call 325-698-7565 to register or for more information.

To see examples of Ms. Teel's work, visit her website www.cakerylubbock.com or follow at www.facebook.com/txsquarecupcakes/.

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

Who loves the Grinch? We do! Join us for a fun family storytime on December 4 at 5 pm at the South Branch Library in the Mall of Abilene as we watch How the Grinch Stole Christmas, a holiday favorite originally penned by Dr. Seuss. We'll also play games, sing songs, and do a fun holiday craft. For all ages.



LEGO CLUB JUNIOR



Youth are invited to join us for our monthly Lego Club, Jr. session Tuesday, December 5 at 4 pm. Hosted in the children's area, we'll supply you with a great selection of Legos so you

can use your creativity to build whatever you can imagine. Sometimes we'll work on specific projects, or you can free design. Plus, work on projects solo, or team up with others to make something bigger. We'll offer books to give you ideas of what you can make or you can let your imagination soar. It's all about just coming out and having fun at your library. For youths up to age 12.

TEEN LEGO CLUB

Teens are invited to join us for our monthly Lego Club session Tuesday, December 5 at 4 pm. Hosted in the Teen Room, we'll bring out a selection of Legos so you can join up with your friends, while making new ones, and work on projects together. Show off your creativity by seeing what you're able to construct while working on themed projects or free designing. We'll offer you resources of projects you can make on your own or you can simply design something you find awesome. It's all about spending an afternoon at your library having fun with other teens. For ages 13 to 19.



MORNING MINGLE: ADULT COLORING CLUB

Adults are invited to join us for a great Morning Mingle event at your South Branch Library, offering a fun morning activity to get involved in with a Coloring Club session. Coloring is great for giving you the time to take a break from your hectic lives, relieve some stress, and have a little fun without any rules to follow. Come meet new people, make new friends, and enjoy yourself at this great event. We'll provide coloring sheets of gardens, animals, mosaics and more, and also supply you with crayons, colored pencils,

TEEN SCENE AFTER HOURS:
KRAMPUS ESCAPE ROOM

Do you have what it takes to outsmart Krampus? Try your luck at our teen only escape room. Small groups will be "locked" inside of Krampus's holding room and must complete challenges and puzzles to escape. We'll have the opportunity for socializing and enjoying light snacks as well. All teens MUST be picked up **no later** than 7:45 p.m.

FAMILY FLIX @
YOUR LIBRARY:
GREMLINS

We'll present this 1984 comedy, horror film on Saturday, December 16 at 3 pm. A father brings his son a very special Christmas gift. Just don't ever get it wet! Rated PG. Popcorn while supplies last.

TECH TIME (TECHNOLOGY ENRICHMENT
& COLLABORATIVE HELP)

As more people acquire smartphones, tablets, and laptops, you may find yourself needing a little help. Be it learning our digital services, getting started on PCs, learning Microsoft Office, and more, join us for TECH (Technology Enrichment & Collaborative Help) Time at your library. Sessions will be hosted twice a week on Mondays at the South Branch Library and Thursdays at the Main Library from 2PM to 4PM. Sessions will be provided by the library's Technology/Social Media Manager and the Multimedia Marketing Assistant. We may not have all the answers, but we'll certainly be on hand



to help. Guests will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to 30-minutes if others are waiting.



Coding Club @ Your Library

Learn to code using practical and hands-on activities Monday, December 18 at 4 pm in the auditorium. For ages 10 to 18.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Make fantastic Gingerbread Houses using graham crackers, royal icing, various candies, and your imagination, Tuesday, December 19 at 5 pm. For all ages!



CODING UNPLUGGED



Explore the basics of coding in everyday life Wednesday, December 20 at 4:30 pm in our auditorium!

Family Board Game Night @ Your Library

Enjoy a little friendly competition? Then bring the whole family to the library on Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm and play some fun board games! Meets in our foyer.



MAKE & TAKE: STEAM GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Stop by the Mockingbird Branch Library Thursday, December 7 at 4 pm to make DIY gingerbread houses and get ready for Christmas. We'll have all the supplies: empty milk cartons, pretzels, candy, icing for glue ... all you have to bring is your creative mind. We'll talk about gravity and by trial & error construct a one of a kind gingerbread house that will stand up to the test. Are you ready!



LEGOS GALORE

School age children are invited to participate in this self-guided program Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 am. Encourages both critical thinking and imagination. Attendees can work independently or with one another to create their project. The building process will take about forty-five minutes with the last five to ten minutes of the meeting being allotted for everyone to look at all of the different designs. Some meetings will be "free design" without limits on what to build while other meetings will follow a loose theme, such as "transportation" or "wacky" which will challenge attendees to really stretch their imagination and see what they can come up with! Anyone under 8 should be accompanied by an adult.

MOVIES @ MOCKINGBIRD: CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS

This 2004 Christmas Comedy is based on the John Grisham book "Skipping Christmas". A couple plan a cruise instead of celebrating a traditional Christmas. However, things



do not go as planned. Scheduled for Monday, December 11 at 6:30 pm.

AFTER SCHOOL ARCADE

Who likes games and free pizza? If you like both or even just one of these, then we have a program for you: After School Arcade! Come together with your friends, play some games, eat some pizza, and most of all just have some fun with us Tuesday, December 12 at 4 pm. Pizza served at 4pm, don't be late! For ages 8 thru 18.

SUPERSTORYTIME: FINGER PRINT CHRISTMAS CARDS



Christmas is in the air at Mockingbird Branch Library! The decorations are up! The stockings are hung! Wait! What about Christmas cards? Join us at Super Storytime: Finger Print Christmas Cards at 10:45am on Thursday, December 14. Delightful stories, bell songs, and finger print cards!

MOCKINGBIRD NIGHTS: TABLETOP GAMING

Come to Mockingbird Nights where we will have a selection of tabletop games for you to enjoy, feel free to bring friends or come and make new ones! This free 18+ event will be Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm in the Mockingbird activity room.

TEEN CRAFTS: NERDY ORNAMENTS

Does your tree need a little extra? Do your holiday decorations lack a little.... nerdiness? If so stop by Wednesday, December 20 at 4 pm and we will show you how to deck the halls with balls of Pokemon and other nerdy fandoms. For ages 8 thru 18.



STORIES & MORE: THE ANIMAL'S CHRISTMAS



Who says Christmas is just for people? Certainly not the Mockingbird Library! Your favorite feathered and furry friends like the holidays, too! Enjoy the holiday spirit at Stories & More: The Animal's Christmas Thursday, December 21 at 4 pm. For all ages.

CLASSIC CINEMA: NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION

Clark Griswold vows that his clan will enjoy the "most fun-filled family Christmas ever." However, his plans are a disaster waiting to happen as he installs 25,000 lights on the Griswold rooftop, a turkey explodes on the dining room table, his house is invaded by zany relatives, and a SWAT team lays siege outside. The show begins at 10:30 am on Friday, December 22. For ages 18 and older.



FAMILY FILMS @ MOCK: THE SANTA CLAUSE

Scott Calvin is a divorced father whose strained relationship with his son, Charlie, begins to mend only after a bizarre twist of fate transforms him into the new Santa. When the current Mr. Clause falls off the roof on Christmas Eve, Scott dons Santa's suit, and he and his son are whisked off to the North Pole. There he meets



Bernard, the head elf, who tells him about the Clause, a contract stating that whoever puts on the Santa suit must also take on all the responsibilities that go with the position. Scott isn't too thrilled about his sudden career change. Charlie, however, is overjoyed. Showing at 2:30 pm on Friday, December 22. For all ages.

SUPER STORYTIME: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Just a few days left in 2017! Bring in the New Year with a SPARKLE at Super Storytime: Happy New Year! at Mockingbird Branch Library on December 28 at 10:45 am. Festive stories and songs, and make your own bright, shiny sparkler! School is still out so older siblings are welcome.



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